

By the Queene.

A Proclamation for the ordering of the exchange of Money vsed by Merchants, according to the Lawes and Statutes of the Realme.



Orasmuch as there are so great abuses of late yeeres growne by the corrupt dealing of sundry Merchants and Brokers, aswell Strangers as English, vpon bargaines of exchanges, and rechanges of Moneys to bee payed, both out and within this Realme, as not onely the good, laudable, and profitable vse of naturall Merchandizing is greatly decayed, the true values of the moneys of this Realme much abased, and her Maiesties Customes and Subsidies, that are the ancient inheritance of this Crowne diminished and withdrawne, with sundry other inconueniences, to the notable damage of this Realme: For the due remedy whereof, there hath bene made heretofore sundry good Lawes and Statutes of this Realme, which doe still continue in their force.

The Queenes Maiestie intending to haue such great enormities and mischiefes remedied, doeth giue all maner Merchants, Brokers, and all other persons vsing to bargain by exchange or rechange, to vnderstand, that her meaning is to haue such Lawes and Statutes to bee put in execution, as haue bene prouided, and doe remaine in force for this purpose: and therefore warneth all maner of persons, to haue hereafter due regard thereto, vpon such penalties, as in the said Lawes, Statutes, and other Ordinances remainyng in their force is prouided: And for the lawfull satisfaction of all such as shall haue necessary cause to take or deliuer any Money by exchange, there shall be certaine Orders in Writting set vp in places conuenient, declaring the rates thereof, as the same shall and ought to bee payed to the vse of her Maiestie, or to her ministers and Officers thereto authorized.

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God saue the Queene.

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